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THE WEATHER—Saturday show.

Store Open Tonight Until 10 o'clock.

# Christmas Presents for Men

House Coats, Smoking Jackets, Bath Robes, Neckwear, Gloves and Handkerchiefs.

Everything in holiday furnishings is here—and here in abundance. It's a satisfaction to know, is it not, that what you buy here is absolutely new, of the latest style and in conformity with good taste?

## House Coats and Smoking Jackets,

\$3.98, \$5, \$7 to \$10.

Good for years of service—and they're mighty comfortable to wear around the house.

For extraordinary good value, look at our \$5.00 Coats—the quality, colorings, sewing, etc.

## Bath Robes.

Blanket Robes, \$3.98 to \$4.50

Wool Robes, \$6.50 to \$10.00

To show the superiority of our Bath Robes, price for price over other stores, we saw a cotton Bath Robe yesterday marked \$4.50 in another store. We sell Wool Robes for that price.

LOUNGING ROBES, new patterns—\$4.00, \$4.50, \$6.50.

## Holiday Hosiery.

New, fancy silk embroidered front. New patterns in stripes—25c and 50c pair.

Neckwear, Suspenders, Mufflers, Gloves, Hosiery and Handkerchiefs put up in fancy boxes.

*Miller & Rhoads*

May Manton Patterns, 10c. each on sale in our Trimming Department.

## A HARD WEEK IN TOBACCO MARKET

Six Hundred Thousand Pounds Sold, Despite the Frozen and Snowy Roads.

## SLIGHT DECLINE IN PRICE

Fall Due to Heavy Receipts. Hardly Exceeds One and a Half Cents.

Yesterday closed one of the busiest weeks of the tobacco year at the local warehouses. Despite the intermittent snows, frosts and thaws, with occasional drippings of rain and sleet, the tobacco growers had the goods, and desired to realize on them, and, defying weather, discomfort and difficulties, they waggoned the weed to town and overflooded Shockoe Slip. As a consequence, the sales of the week reached almost six or quite six hundred thousand pounds, which, at an average of seven cents per pound, would mean that more than forty thousand dollars were paid out for leaf tobacco, all of it going to farmers of half a dozen surrounding counties. Besides the sales of tobacco, the farmers brought in turkeys, chickens, eggs, pheasants, partridges, rabbits, squirrels and other side lines, and found ready sale for them.

The heavy week's sales, following upon the large offerings of the preceding three weeks, had the expected effect in a noteworthy decline in price, which manifested itself during the week. It is estimated by some that the decline averaged from a cent to a cent and a half a pound. With the intervention of the holidays, and consequent suspension of sales, the buyers, it is expected, will have sufficiently worked up their stocks to need more, and will then be on the market for everything in sight. If that be the case, prices will rebound to the level of a week or ten days ago.

Yesterday's sales were a heavy closing day's work, the sales beginning at 9 A. M. and running until late in the afternoon. Probably a third of the offerings at Shockoe were not sold Thursday, and went over until Friday, the first sale being there yesterday. The same house had third sale of new receipts later in the day, and, in all, sold from 55,000 to 60,000 pounds, according to the statement of the proprietors. Greenhaw's Warehouse sold from 60,000 to 65,000 pounds. Shockoe had a sale aggregating about 4,000, and Stone's sold about 3,000 pounds. These figures are merely approximate, everybody being too busy to figure them up exactly. The totals may accordingly slightly fall below the figures given. Next week's sales begin Tuesday with Shockoe's, then Stone's, then Shockoe, and then Greenhaw's.

## Olive Stemming Tobacco.

Among the offerings sold during the week were a load of olive stemming tobacco, a variety in demand five or six years ago, when it sold for about \$10, but which since then had declined in value, selling for several years at hardly half that figure. Mr. W. L. Douglas, at his Warehouse, sold a load for Mr. Clements, of Clayville, Powhatan county, this week at an average of \$11.75 per hundred, the prices on the different piles being \$10, \$11 and \$12. Mr. Clements was very much pleased with the warehouse. Life had been hard for the warehouse-

men all the week. Working from about 2 or 3 A. M. until 7 or 8 next evening in an open house, with the temperature about the same as outside, and on a constant strain all week, they brought a sigh of relief indeed last night at the close of their labors until next Tuesday. Without time to go to their meals, they were on the jump, finding places for tenants and wagons, answering questions, discussing the unloading of wagons, the drainage of hogheads and packages from the depots, putting out the sales, which includes weighing and ticketing the thousands of piles or lots of tobacco, and then selling them at a rate of twenty-two auctions per hour, directing the delivery of the tobacco sold, and clearing away the remnants of one sale to make way for the incoming wagons and to put out a sale for next day, mean plenty of work and hard hours. But the warehouseman makes his living in the few months of the year, and they consequently welcome this hard work.

## MRS. STUART ILL AGAIN.

Commissioner Called to Philadelphia to Her Bedside.

Commissioner Henry C. Stuart went to Philadelphia yesterday on the noon train to attend the bedside of Mrs. Stuart, who is again desperately ill in that city. Mrs. Stuart has been in a hospital in Philadelphia for treatment for nearly a month, but it was only yesterday that she grew critically ill. Mrs. Stuart's life was despaired of for many months during the early part of the year, but she recovered and was up to a short time ago apparently well.

## GOVERNOR DECLINES.

Will Not Interfere in Case of Young Henry Long.

Governor Montague yesterday declined to pardon Henry Long, of Portsmouth, who was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and given one year in jail.

Long shot and killed a friend and companion, Howard Cleaton, whom he killed in a fight at his home, No. 220 Church Street. After hearing of the alleged insulting remark concerning himself, Long prepared a written apology and offered it to Cleaton for his signature. Cleaton declined to sign the paper, whereupon Long shot and killed him.

In refusing the application for pardon, the Governor said:

"I am constrained to deny the application, as no sufficient reason appears for executive intervention."

## Burned by Lamp Explosion.

As Mrs. Bartholomew Martin attempted to blow out a lamp at her home, No. 220 Church Street, early yesterday morning, the lamp exploded. Mrs. Martin's clothing caught fire. With great presence of mind she ran outdoors and fell in the snow, thus extinguishing the flames. She then gathered a lot of snow and carried it into the house, with which she extinguished the flames on the carpet. Mrs. Martin was slightly burned about the body. She was attended by Dr. Garlin, who made her comfortable.

## After Big Casey's Record.

A letter was received by Chief Haled yesterday from Marshal Kernan, of Baltimore, asking for information about Robert Cassidy, alias "Big Casey," a young man under arrest in that city as a suspicious character. He is believed to have a record in this city, and it will be looked up by the chief and sent to Baltimore.

## Fifth Street Robbery.

Some one entered the house No. 104 North Fifth Street Wednesday night early, and ransacked the drawers, carrying off a quantity of jewelry and a small sum of money, which had been placed in a trunk. The detectives are looking out for the thief.

## Compiling Bank Laws.

Judge Bev. T. Crump, chairman of the State Corporation Commission, is engaged in compiling all the banking laws of the State. Hereafter Judge Crump proposes to issue such a compilation about twice a year.

## FRENCH CHEF AT THE METHODIST MISSION

But Honest John McLean Made the Soup Given to Needy Families.

Women and children crowded the Nineteenth Street Mission on yesterday. It was the opening soup day, and Honest John McLean was busy filling tin buckets with good, thick soup of savory odor. John did all the cooking himself, although there was amongst Mr. Wiley's boarders a chef who had worn the cordon blue in happier days.

This man, an exile from the land of sunny France, had held some years ago a high position at the Jefferson Hotel, and later had been chef at the "Alcazar" in Florida.

His health had brought him down, and still further down until at last he had become a tramp, although an honest one. The man has heart disease, and weighing as he does, 350 pounds, his trade is closed to him.

All over this country he has worked his way cooking for train hands on the freights and doing odd jobs here and there. This tender-hearted fellow, although possessing but a few dollars, paid for lodging and food for all those at the mission, who could not pay for themselves. This man, though fallen to a low estate, has kept his self-respect.

## Remembers the Poor.

A wealthy citizen of Richmond, who is a friend of Captain McCarthy, yesterday left a \$50 note with his honor for Rev. George H. Wiley's mission. The gentleman took this course because he does not desire his name to be used, but he said he would give more if any one were found about to suffer.

Burnett's Extract of Vanilla imparts a superior delicacy of flavor; try it; use it—Adv.

## W. L. DOUGLAS \$3.50 & \$2.50 SHOES

Brooklyn Leads the Men's Shoe Fashions of the World.

W. L. DOUGLAS MAKES AND SELLS MORE MEN'S \$3.50 SHOES THAN ANY OTHER MANUFACTURER IN THE WORLD

The reason W. L. Douglas \$3.50 shoes are the greatest sellers in the world, is because of their excellent style, easy fitting, and superior wearing qualities. They are just as good as those that cost \$5.00 to \$7.00, the only difference is the price. If I could take you into my factory at Brockton, Mass., the largest in the world under one roof making men's fine shoes, and show you the infinite care with which every pair of W. L. Douglas shoes is made, you would realize why W. L. Douglas \$3.50 shoes are the best shoes produced anywhere, and why the sales for the year ending July 1st, 1904, were \$6,263,040.00.

If I could show you the difference between the shoes made in my factory and those of other makes, and the high grade leather used, you would understand why W. L. Douglas \$3.50 shoes cost more to make, fit better, wear longer, and of greater intrinsic value than any other \$3.50 shoe on the market to-day. W. L. Douglas guarantees their value by stamping his name and price on the bottom. Look for it—take no substitute. Sold by shoe dealers everywhere.

W. L. Douglas \$2.00 and \$1.75 Shoes for Boys. Best in the world. Boys all wear them.

W. L. Douglas uses Corona Colts in his \$3.50 shoes. Corona Colt is conceded everywhere to be the finest Patent Leather produced.

G. C. & E. Eli Calf always gives satisfaction.

W. L. Douglas \$3.50 & \$2.50 Shoe Store in Richmond: 623 E. Broad St.

## CITY SERVICES FOR TO-MORROW

Rev. W. A. Cooper Will Discuss the Care of the Poor.

## OTHER INTERESTING THEMES

Rev. Dr. Blackwell to Fill Pulpit at the First Baptist Church.

Among the most timely and interesting sermons to be heard from the Richmond pulpit to-morrow is the one to be delivered by Rev. W. A. Cooper, pastor of St. James Methodist Church. He has selected for his theme, "The Care of the Poor."

At the evening service Mr. Cooper will preach the second of his series of sermons for young men. The subject will be, "The Value of Man to Society."

Two great subjects will be discussed from the pulpit of the Grove Avenue Baptist Church to-morrow by Dr. J. B. Hawthorne. In the morning he will show how "Man's Great Trinity of Foes May be Conquered by Christian Faith." At the evening service his topic will be "God in Us; With Us, and For Us."

At Broadus Memorial Baptist Church, the pastor, Rev. C. P. Stanley, will preach in the morning on "Why Our Prayers Are Not Answered," and at 8 P. M. his subject will be "The Treasures of the Snow."

The Rev. Jere Witherspoon, D. D., pastor of Grace Street Presbyterian Church, being indisposed, his pulpit will be occupied to-morrow, both morning and at night, by the Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D., who, so acceptable, on former occasions, has served the Grace Street congregation.

The regular services will be held at Randolph Street Baptist Church on Sunday, the pastor, Rev. W. E. Robertson, preaching at both hours. The morning theme will be, "The Living Water." Miss Martin will sing. At night the subject will be, "The Accepted Time," and the ordinance of baptism will be administered.

The subject of Dr. Young's morning sermon at Centenary Church to-morrow will be "Preparing to Receive the Christ Child." Evening subject, "The Night Before Christmas." Both services are suggested by the preparations for the coming Christmas.

"What was the Struggle?" will be the subject of Rev. John L. Robinson's sermon at the First Unitarian Church, Monroe Hall, to-morrow morning.

Rev. W. T. Doreux, pastor of Venable Street Church, will take for his subject to-morrow morning, "The Christian Should not Be Conformed to This World."

Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Norfolk, Va., will supply the pulpit of the First Baptist Church in this city at both the morning and evening services.

Mr. Blackwell is an eloquent speaker, and formerly had a church in Washington, N. C.

Dr. W. R. L. Smith will preach at the Second Baptist Church to-morrow morning, and will take for his theme, "He That Hath Seen Me Hath Seen the Father."

In the evening his subject will be, "The Greatest of These is Love."

Rev. F. A. Menschke, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, will preach both morning and night. At the morning service his subject will be "Confessing Christ," and in the evening his theme will be, "Rejoicing in the Lord Always."

Rev. Dr. J. B. Taylor will preach at Immanuel Church, corner of Leigh and Fifth Streets; subject in the morning, "The Outer and the Inner Man," evening theme, "The Law and the Gospel."

The Rev. Henry Pearce Adkins will preach morning and night to-morrow in the West End Christian Church. His morning subject will be, "The Treasures of the Snow."

The theme at night will be "The First Martyrdom, and What Came of It." At 8 P. M. Rev. William H. Moreland, of Sacramento, Cal., will preach at Holy Trinity Church to-morrow evening, the service beginning at 8 o'clock.

The morning subject at East End Baptist Church will be, "The Christian's Duty to the World."

First Church to-morrow will be "An Unaccepted Prophet," and in the evening Mr. Gay will speak on "The World Gospel."

The Baptist Brotherhood of this church will meet at the church at 8:30 P. M.

Rev. J. B. Hutton will preach to-morrow morning on "The Blessings of Temperance," and the theme at night will be "Jesus Only Can Forgive Sins."

There will be services as usual at Fairmount Christian Church to-morrow. Morning subject, "The Hour of Destiny," evening subject, "Delay of Divine Punishment."

There will be preaching at Haaker Memorial Church by the pastor, K. M. Mears, to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "The Altar of the Family," evening subject, "Winter Voyages."

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

President Bibb Makes Interesting Announcement.

Mr. A. P. Bibb, of Charlottesville, Va., president of the Virginia Real Estate Association, has appointed the following standing committees:

Legislative—Judge J. O. Shepherd, Palmyra; J. C. Easley, Richmond; W. H. Hillyear, Staunton; O. E. D. Barron, Norfolk; J. J. Porter, Louisa; H. Clay, Lynchburg; W. H. Hillyear, Salem. Advertising—John S. Walker, Lynchburg; J. T. Wampler, Culpeper; T. W. Ross, Gordonsville; M. B. Harlow, Alexandria; J. B. Cook, Richmond; C. A. Smith, Warrenton; J. J. Gliner, Lebanon.

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## HAD LIGHT DOCKET.

Johann Lucca, Hungarian Tramp, Drew Ten Days Down.

Justice John had a light docket on yesterday.

Estelle Draper, a denizen of Mosh Alley, lifted a wallet from Albert Christian and got six months.

A Hungarian tramp, Johann Lucca, by name, drew ten days. Lucca was a mass of rags, strings and straps—just the cut of the tramp on the vaudeville stage.

Rosina Winston removed goods from the Old Dominion Steamship Company's wharf without a bill of lading. This was careless of Rosina. His Honor expressed regret that he could not offer her the hospitality of his chateau on yesterday, but promised to send her down later on. Rosina returned to the pen.

Robert Thorpe filled his mug with cheap whiskey, and paid \$2.00 in consequence. The whistle then blew to stop work.

**The Man About Town.**  
By HARRY TUCKER.

When a fellow comes up to you and says he has cold feet, jolly him along, he may have cold feet, sure enough, and cold feet ain't no joke, either.

You don't have to ask a man to do you a favor to find out about his cold feet. A fellow who is subject to such things will let you know soon enough.

It may be policy for him to let people know about his cold feet, but it is safe to say that a man with the afore said, will not be as comfortable on Christmas as some other folks who do not so suffer. When a poor man comes up to you and tells his hard luck story, give him a good laugh, and pat him on the back, a few things you may not want of before.

It's good to get next to the other side of the world sometimes, to get close to the people. Don't decline to help a fellow out when he is trying hard to make a ten or five strike. Experience is a good teacher most of the time, and its costs to get experience. You can't expect to get something for nothing.

It's nice to give. Just think how happy it makes a fellow to receive a present without expecting it, or without working for it. He wouldn't like to awake in the morning and find a ton of coal in his front yard that he knew nothing about.

It's good to be good. But when a fellow comes up to you and takes your umbrella out and never comes back, you can't help having cold feet.

A man with cold feet needs rubbers. A man can't always believe in signs. Because a man happens to wear patent leathers is no sign that he has been to a pink tea. Nor does it mean that he is a sailor, because he wears a white wing collar. A man who wears a silk hat is not always an actor.

Therefore, when you see a sign in Capitol Square telling you to keep off the grass, don't notice it, for what has the grass got to do with the snow, anyhow?

Little Willie hung his pants up. Also, hung his coat and hat. Then he hid behind the sideboard. Still as any mouse or cat.

No one knew what he was up to. With that broad smile on his face, he was spying on old Santa. Now poor Willie's in disgrace. For the old fellow saw a white wing collar. Cut his Christmas gifts right down. Willie's Christmas was a dull one. Just about the worst in town.

## ASK THE PRESIDENT FOR AN AUDIENCE

Special Committee May Go to Washington Monday to Invite Him Here.

The special joint committee named by the Council to invite President Roosevelt to visit Richmond on his proposed Southern tour, will go to Washington Monday at noon, to perform their duty, provided they can secure an audience with the President on that day. The committee at a meeting last night decided on

## A DAY DEDICATED TO SPECIAL OFFERINGS.

WE ARE ALL READY FOR A BUSY SATURDAY.

STOCK IS COMPLETE—SALESPEOPLE ARE

AMPLE—OFFERINGS ARE EXTRA

ORDINARY.

MEN AND BOYS SHALL SHARE ALIKE.

## Lot 1.

Men's Single and Double-Breasted Sack Suits, in Cassimere, Worsted, Mixed and Plain Ceviots, worth \$15.00 to \$18.00,

SPECIAL PRICE TO-DAY,

**\$11.50.**

Lot 2.

Men's and Young Men's Cravenette Raincoats—cut very long and with broad concave shoulders—made of Worsteds and Cheviots, guaranteed thoroughly waterproof, worth \$15.00, \$16.50 and \$18.00,

SPECIAL PRICE TO-DAY,

**\$11.50.**

## Lot 3.

Men's and Young Men's Winter Weight Overcoats—short, medium and long lengths—with and without belts—made of Cheviots, Friezes, Cassimeres and Worsteds, worth \$15.00, \$16.50 and \$18.00,

CHOICE TO-DAY,

**\$11.50.**

## Boys' Suits, Overcoats and Reefers at Reduced Prices.

BOYS' KNEE PANTS SUITS.

At \$1.95, worth \$3.00 and \$3.50

At \$2.45, worth \$4.00 and \$4.50

At \$3.95, worth \$5.00 and \$5.50

At \$4.45, worth \$6.00 and \$6.50

## CHILDREN'S OVERCOATS.

At \$3.45, worth \$5.00

At \$3.95, worth \$6.00

At \$4.95, worth \$7.50

## YOUTHS' OVERCOATS.

At \$4.95, worth \$6.75

At \$6.75, worth \$9.50

At \$7.50, worth \$10.00

One lot of Children's Gray and Tan Frieze Reefers, worth \$5.00,

SPECIAL PRICE TO-DAY,

**\$2.75.**

**Gans-Rady Company.**

this course, and at once addressed a letter to Congressman Lamb, asking him to see if the President could conveniently receive them on Monday. They expect to hear from Captain Lamb in the meantime, and if his reply is favorable, the committee will leave over the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad at noon on Monday and return here Tuesday night. The committee suggests, in Captain Lamb that he arrange an audience with the President on Tuesday. The once with the President on Tuesday, the committee will be in charge of Sergeant-at-Arms Ruskell, and

a most pleasant trip in anticipation. Members of the committee are: Messrs. Peters, Pollard, Well, Spence, Johnson, Mills, Curtis, Spicer, Dahney, John B. Minor, Grady, Wood, Whitte and Turpin.

President Turpin has asked Vice-President Gunst to serve in his place, as he is unable to go.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists sell them. The money it fails to cure, Dr. W. G. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c—adv.

Good Bargain  
That  
when one trades COFFEE  
and all the old COFFEE  
AILS for health on delicious  
**POSTUM**  
10 DAYS' TRIAL PROVES.